

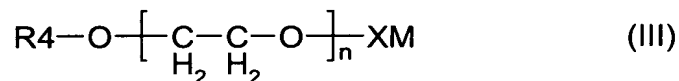
Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An aqueous colorant preparation consisting essentially of

(A) 0.1% to 50% by weight and ~~preferably 15% to 30% by weight~~ of at least one colorant selected from the group consisting of an organic and/or colorant, inorganic colorant or a mixture thereof,

(B) 0.1% to 30% by weight of at least one succinamate,

(C) 0.1% to 30% by weight of at least one polyethylene glycol alkyl ether ~~corresponds to a compound of the formula (III)~~



~~where~~ wherein

R^4 is a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl or C_3 - C_{20} -cycloalkyl radical or a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{20} -alkenyl or C_3 - C_{20} -cycloalkenyl radical, the substituents being 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, aryl, aryl(C_1 - C_{20})alkyl, C_5 - C_6 -cycloalkyl, hetaryl, hetaryl(C_1 - C_{20})alkyl ~~or~~ and C_1 - C_{20} -alkoxy,

n is from 1 to 100,

X is CH_2COO^- , SO_3^- , SO_2^- or PO_3M^- , and

M is H, a univalent metal cation, NH_4^+ , a secondary, tertiary or quaternary ammonium ion,

(D) 0% to 30% by weight of at least one alkoxyated styrene-phenol condensate,

(E) 0% to 30% by weight of at least one organic solvent,

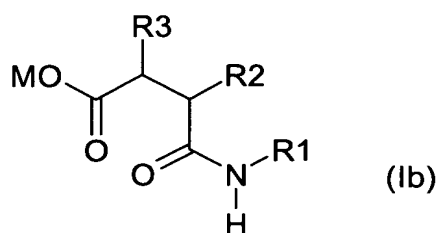
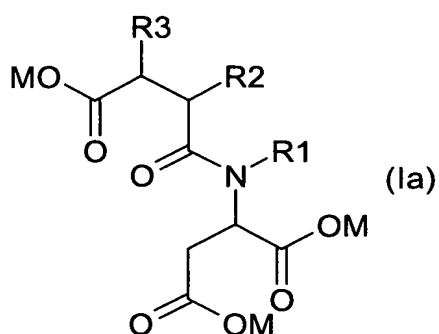
(F) 0% to 30% by weight of at least one hydrotropic substance,

(G) 0% to 10% by weight of ~~further customary additives for ink-jet preparations~~ at least one additive, and

(H) 10% to 90% by weight of deionized water,

all based on the total weight (~~100% by weight~~) of the colorant preparation.

2. (Currently Amended) The colorant preparation according to claim 1 wherein the at least one succinamate (B) corresponds to a compound ~~is~~ of the formula (Ia) or (Ib)



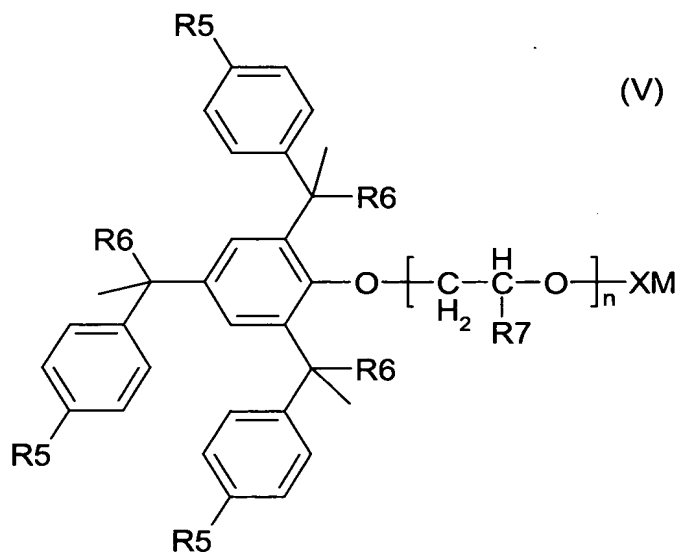
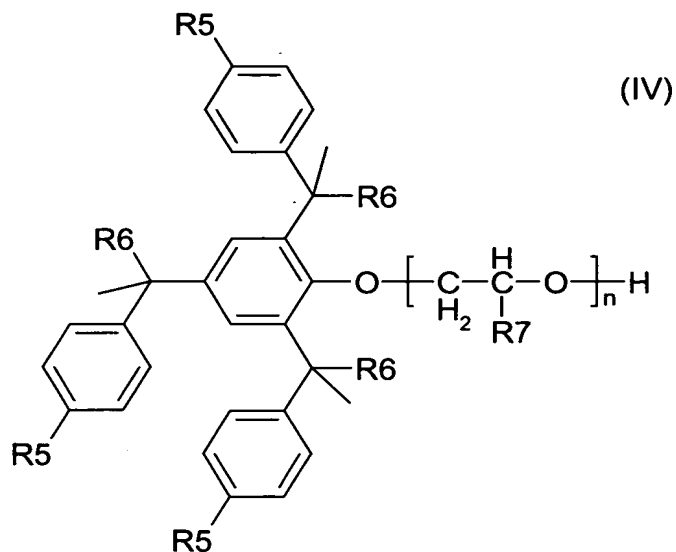
~~where~~ wherein

R¹ is H, a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C₁-C₂₀-alkyl or C₃-C₂₀-cycloalkyl radical or a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C₁-C₂₀-alkenyl or C₃-C₂₀-cycloalkenyl radical, the substituents being 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, aryl, aryl(C₁-C₂₀)alkyl, hetaryl, hetaryl(C₁-C₂₀)alkyl ~~or~~ and C₁-C₂₀-alkoxy,

R² and R³ are independently H, a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C₁-C₂₀-alkyl or C₃-C₂₀-cycloalkyl radical or a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C₁-C₂₀-alkenyl or C₃-C₂₀-cycloalkenyl radical, the substituents being 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, amino, sulfo, aryl, aryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, hetaryl, hetaryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, COOM, SO₃M, SO₂M and PO₃M₂, and

M is H, a univalent metal cation, NH₄⁺, a secondary, tertiary or quaternary ammonium ion.

3. (Currently Amended) The colorant preparation according to claim 1 wherein the at least one alkoxyated styrene-phenol condensate (D) ~~corresponds to a compound~~ is of the formula (IV), or (V) or mixtures a mixture thereof



~~where~~ wherein

R^5 is H, a branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl or C_3 - C_{20} -cycloalkyl radical or a branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{20} -alkenyl or C_3 - C_{20} -cycloalkenyl radical,
 R^6 and R^7 are independently H, a branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl or C_3 - C_{20} -cycloalkyl radical or a branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{20} -alkenyl or C_3 - C_{20} -cycloalkenyl radical,
 n is from 1 to 100,
 X is $CO-R_8-COO^-$, SO_3^- , SO_2^- or PO_3M^- ,
 R^8 is a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{20} -alkylene radical, a substituted, unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{20} -alkenylene radical or a substituted or unsubstituted arylene radical, ~~the substituents preferably being 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, amino and sulfo, and~~
 M is H, a univalent metal cation, NH_4^+ , a secondary, tertiary or quaternary ammonium ion.

4. (Currently Amended) The colorant preparation according to ~~one or more of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the at least one colorant is at least one organic colorant, wherein the at least one organic colorant is one or more organic pigments, one or more dyes, or a mixture thereof, wherein the one or more organic pigments are selected from the group consisting of the monoazo, disazo, laked azo, β -naphthol, Naphthol AS, benzimidazolone, condensed disazo, azo, metal complex, phthalocyanine, quinacridone, perylene, perinone, thioindigo, anthanthrone, anthraquinone, flavanthrone, indanthrone, isoviolanthrone, pyranthrone, dioxazine, quinophthalone, isoindoline, isoindolinone ~~or diketopyrrolopyrrole pigments and or carbon black; or, and wherein the one or more dyes are selected from the group consisting of an acid dye, direct dye, sulfur dye or its leuco form of a sulfur dye, metal complex dye, reactive dye or and a reaction product of a reactive dye with a nucleophile; or a combination of the pigments mentioned with the dyes mentioned.~~

5. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a colorant preparation according to ~~one or more of claims 1 to 4, which comprises~~ claim 1, comprising the

steps of pasting up the colorant component (A) being pasted up together with the components (B), (C), and if appropriate optionally at least one of components (D), (E), (F) and/or (G) in deionized water (component H) component (H) to form a mixture, homogenizing the mixture and finely dispersing or finely dividing the mixture and homogenized and being finely dispersed or finely divided by means of a grinding or dispersing assembly.

6. (Currently Amended) The use of A method of using a colorant preparation according to one or more of claims 1 to 4 as a colorant for claim 1, comprising the step of coloring a composition or article with the colorant preparation, wherein the composition or article is selected from the group consisting of printing inks, especially for ink jet inks, electrophotographic toners, especially polymerization toners, power coatings, color filters, electronic inks, and electronic paper, paints, including emulsion paints, dispersion varnishes, printing inks, wallpaper colors, water-thinnable coating materials, wood preservation systems, viscose solution dyeing, varnishes, sausage casings, seed, glass bottles, the mass coloration of roofing shingles, renders, woodstains, colored pencil leads, felt tip pens, artists' inks, pastes for ballpoint pens, chalks, laundering and compositions, cleaning compositions, shoecare products, coloration of latex products, abrasives and also for coloration of plastics and macromolecular materials.

7. (Currently Amended) A set of printing inks which comprises printing inks in the colors printing ink set comprising a black printing ink, a cyan printing ink, a magenta printing ink, a yellow printing ink, if appropriate optionally, an orange printing ink and if appropriate optionally, a green printing ink, wherein and is characterized by at least one of the printing inks being or comprising includes a colorant preparation according to one or more of claims 1 to 4 claim 1.

8. (Currently Amended) The set of printing inks according to claim 7 wherein ~~the colorant of the black colorant preparation printing ink~~ is a carbon black, and/or

- ~~the colorant of the cyan colorant preparation is a pigment from the group of the phthalocyanine, indanthrone or triarylcarbonium pigments, and/or~~
- ~~the colorant of the magenta colorant preparation is a pigment from the group of the monoazo, disazo, β -naphthol, Naphthol AS, laked azo, metal complex, benzimidazolone, anthanthrone, anthraquinone, quinacridone, dioxazine, perylene, thioindigo, triarylcarbonium or diketopyrrolopyrrole pigments, and/or~~
- ~~the colorant of the yellow colorant preparation is a pigment from the group of the monoazo, disazo, benzimidazoline, isoindolinone, isoindoline or perinone pigments, and/or~~
- ~~the colorant of the orange colorant preparation is a pigment from the group of the disazo, β -naphthol, Naphthol AS, benzimidazolone or perinone pigments, and/or~~
- ~~the colorant of the green colorant preparation is a pigment from the group of the phthalocyanine pigments, and/or~~
- ~~the organic dyes which are present in the preparations, if appropriate, are from the group of the acid dyes, direct dyes, sulfur dyes and their leuco form, metal complex dyes or reactive dyes.~~

9. (New) The colorant preparation according to claim 1, comprising 15% to 30% by weight of the at least one organic colorant, inorganic colorant or mixture thereof.

10. (New) The colorant preparation according to claim 3, wherein the substituents of R_8 are 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, amino and sulfo.

11. (New) A composition or article colored with a colorant composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition or article is selected from the group consisting of printing inks, ink jet inks, electrophotographic toners, polymerization toners, power coatings, color filters, electronic inks, electronic paper, paints, emulsion paints, dispersion varnishes, printing inks, wallpaper colors, water-thinnable coating materials, wood preservation systems, viscose solution dyeing, varnishes, sausage casings, seed, glass bottles, roofing shingles, renders,

woodstains, colored pencil leads, felttip pens, artists' inks, pastes for ballpoint pens, chalks, laundering compositions, cleaning compositions, shoecare products, latex products, abrasives and plastics and macromolecular materials.

12. (New) The printing ink set according to claim 7, wherein the colorant of the cyan printing ink is a pigment selected from the group of the phthalocyanine, indanthrone and triarylcarbonium pigments.

13. (New) The printing ink set according to claim 7, wherein the colorant of the magenta printing ink is a pigment selected from the group consisting of monoazo, disazo, β -naphthol, Naphthol AS, laked azo, metal complex, benzimidazolone, anthanthrone, anthraquinone, quinacridone, dioxazine, perylene, thioindigo, triarylcarbonium and diketopyrrolopyrrole pigments.

14. (New) The printing ink set according to claim 7, wherein the colorant of the yellow printing ink is a pigment selected from the group consisting of monoazo, disazo, benzimidazoline, isoindolinone, isoindoline and perinone pigments

15 (New) The printing ink set according to claim 7, wherein the colorant of the orange printing ink is a pigment selected from the group consisting of disazo, β -naphthol, Naphthol AS, benzimidazolone and perinone pigments.

16. (New) The printing ink set according to claim 7, wherein the colorant of the green colorant preparation is a phthalocyanine pigment.

17. (New) The printing ink set according to claim 7, wherein at least one printing ink includes at least one organic dye selected from the group consisting of acid dyes, direct dyes, sulfur dyes and their leuco form, metal complex dyes and reactive dyes.